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Dear Friends and Honorees:

As the new Essex Division Director of Catholic Community Services, I have committed myself to the agency's mission "to serve as a visible witness to the concern of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark by seeking to respond through program of service and advocacy...to become all things to all people."

This mission urges all of us at CCS to serve without thought of self and to assist wherever possible. As such, we work hard to meet the needs of people in the community. We attempt to be sensitive to the culture and environment in which we exist. We look to others for examples of how to serve.

It is with pleasure that we salute the New Ark of Hope Honorees. When developing the concept for this award, we were awestruck by the fact that the honorees reflected the type of commitment to service, we as employees of Catholic Community Services, Essex Division, strive to achieve.

Each of the honorees is special in his or her own way. Without their dedication, we know that the greater Newark community would be diminished. Each of them have provided hours of service, developed special programs or advocated for community-wide change, all of which have improved the quality of life for all of us.

Once again, thank you for being examples to all of us.

With humble respect,

*Elizabeth A. McClendon, L.C.S.W.
Essex County Division Director*

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ABOUT OUR HONOREES:

Burney Lee Adams: *Over the past thirty six years, Burney Lee Adams, better known to all as "Coach Adams," has unselfishly devoted thousands of hours of personal uncompensated time, to assist minority students to obtain college scholarships.*

In 1963, as a young man who was just released by the Canadian Hamilton Tigercats Pro-Football Team, Mr. Adams was on his way Miami, Florida to accept a teaching/coaching position. He decided to make a brief stop over in Newark, New Jersey to visit his brother and sister-in-law and has been here since that time. While visiting his relatives, he was offered, and accepted a teaching position, with the Newark Board of Education.

As Coach & Head Football Coach at Weequahic High School for more than 28 years, Coach Adams built up a football program that was second to none. The program was so successful it was written up in the New York Times in the early 70's and The Star Ledger. Since 1963 Coach Adams has been personally instrumental in obtaining college scholarship assistance for more than five hundred youngsters. Coach Adams' college placement rate is greater than 87% with more than 76% of those youngsters graduating from undergraduate and graduate levels. Many of these youngsters went on to pursue successful careers in the areas of Pro Football, Genetic Research, Law, Criminology, Engineering, New Jersey and Florida State Police, US Military, Social Work, College Professorship and Deanship, Dentistry, Education, and Self-employment.

Anthony F. Ambrose III: *Chief Anthony F. Ambrose realized his life long dream when he joined the Newark Police Department in April of 1986. After working in the Patrol Division, in the North District, his supervisors recognized his skills and dedication and he was assigned to the Narcotics Squad.*

Chief Ambrose developed outstanding leadership and investigative skills which earned him positions in the Rapid Response/Robbery Squad, the Intelligence Unit, Homicide Squad (1992), the nationally acclaimed TARGET Team (1994), an instructor in the Police Academy and Internal Affairs Bureau (1995).

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Chief Ambrose was promoted to Sergeant in 1994 and Lieutenant in May 1997. He was soon appointed to Special Assistant for Crime Control Strategies, where tactics were developed that reduced crime by more than 43% in the last three years.

On May 6, 1999, Mayor Sharpe James named Chief Ambrose Acting Chief of Police. He is currently exploring and studying additional strategies and tactics that will be used to continue the progress made by the Police Department into the new millennium.

Brenda Beavers: *Ms. Beavers is currently employed as the State Director of Human Services for the Salvation Army. Previously she was the Director of One to One New Jersey and Assistant Director of the New Jersey Division on Woman. Ms. Beavers serves on many advisory boards and councils including, State Human Services Advisory Council, Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc., and New Jersey Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents.*

Ms. Beavers is a graduate of Newark State College (now Kean College) and received her degree in Social Work from Fordham University.

Wellington J. Davis, Jr.: *Wellington Davis attended St. Peter's College and was the first black Distinguished Military Graduate and went on to retire after 29 years from the United States Army Reserve as a Colonel having served as the first black to command a training brigade in both the 78th and 76th Divisions receiving the Legion of Merit in addition to his many other military awards.*

After his tour of active duty, he met and married Patricia and moved back to Jersey City in 1969. Soon after becoming a Personnel Officer with the First Jersey National Bank he was appointed the first black Director of the Department of Personnel for the City of Jersey City. He was later appointed to the Board of Education where he eventually was elected its first black President.

His experience with unions in Jersey City led him to apply and be selected as the first black permanently appointed Mediator at the New Jersey State Board of Mediation in 1978. In addition to his role as a neutral, he is an Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University and Middlesex County College.

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Wellington has also dedicated much time to the community. Over the years he has served on the Board of Directors for the Eastern School for Physician's AIDS, Sacred Heart School Board, Hudson and Essex County Advisory Boards for Catholic Community Services (CCS), Faculty Advisory Board Middlesex County College, Program Associate, Rutgers-Newark Graduate Program in Conflict Management, St. Clements - Pre-Cana Committee with Patricia, Choir, Holy Name and Lector just to name a few.

D'Alma Evans *D. Alma Evans is a devoted youth and family advocate, whose involvement spans the past twenty years in the city of Newark.*

Mrs. Evans, as she is affectionately known, has given many hundreds of hours of volunteer service as a chaperone and college placement advisor for Newark youth. From 1984 to 1994 Mrs. Evans was instrumental in guiding scores of Newark Public High School students through area industries and corporations with the Quest/CYO career guidance field trip and seminar program. During her tenure with this project she was able to access for her students many corporations that had never opened their doors to inner city kids for career development.

She has accompanied youth tour groups around the country visiting historically black colleges and universities, and is responsible for the college careers of scores of Newark youth. Mrs. Evan's favorite saying is, "I turn all no's into yes's"

As a family advocate Mrs. Evans assisted in the formation of the family services unit at Quest Youth Services, and coordinated its initial outreach into the south ward community. Since its inception hundreds of families are provided with food and clothing on a monthly basis. Mrs. Evans is the spark behind recruiting and soliciting the thousands of dollars worth of donations that are distributed monthly.

Mrs. Evans is an alumni of Newark's South Side High School, holds an Associates Degree in Public Policy from St. Peter's College, Jersey City, and is a member of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Parish Community.

"Through God, all things are possible."

Emma Garcia: *Emma Garcia was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. She graduated from the Newark Public School System and attended Drakes Secretarial School for two years.*

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In 1960 she was appointed the position of clerk typist in the Department of Health and Welfare. Shortly afterwards she became senior clerk stenographer.

In 1974 she was appointed the position of Executive Secretary in the office of East Ward Councilman, Henry Martinez. She served the citizens of Newark for thirty-eight years. During this time she received several awards including, The Citizen Award, The Woman of the Year Award, and an Outstanding Dedication Award from the Newark Firefighters Union.

Joanne Joseph: *Ms. Joseph was born and raised in a small town outside of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Her family consisted of two younger sisters, Toni and Rosalie, her father who was a Lebanese immigrant, her mother who is a first generation Italian-American. she felt the envy of every kid in the neighborhood because she had two terrific parents. All the kids loved her mother because she was (and still is) an extraordinary cook. They also adored her father, a sweet-natured, larger-than-life ex-prize fighter who let the kids in the neighborhood fool around with his old fighting gear: his large punching bag, old gloves and cool jump rope.*

It is her sister, Rosalie, who originated Stockings with Care seven years ago in New York City and it is to her that she is indebted. It was easy to adapt her wonderful idea to the needs of the people of Essex County.

Ms. Joseph is married to Paul Tumbleson, an attorney. They have two talented daughters, Jena and Emily. She has earned degrees from Penn State University and Bank Street College and now works as a Center Administrator for Babyland Family Services in Newark.

Axel Torres Marrero, M.Ed.: *Axel Torres Marrero is the Director of Public Policy and Legal Services at the Hyacinth AIDS Foundation. He informs the Hyacinth community about legal and policy issues related to the AIDS pandemic in New Jersey and the rest of the country. He is responsible for the New Jersey AIDS lobbying initiative and is Director of the New Jersey AIDS Coalition. Mr. Marrero earned his BA in Sociology, at Rutgers University and his Masters in Education at New York University.*

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Amin A. Nathari: *Amin Nathari is the Chairperson and Director of Community Affairs and Public Information for the Muslim Community Development Association (MCDA). The MCDA offers a variety of educational, social and human service programs to both the Muslim Community and the general public.*

Mr. Nathari also serves as Director of the Muslim Community Center of Essex County and is IMAM (religious leader) of the affiliated Mosque.

Mr. Nathari has been a community activist for many years dedicating his efforts in uplifting the community at large. He is an author, journalist and foremost authority on the subject of Islam.

Sigrid Patsch: *Sigrid Patsch has served as a volunteer, working with people with AIDS and HIV positive since 1992. She helps provide meals, collects and distributes supplies for inner city youths and families, and helped organize the "Circle of Compassion", a group of people who support people with AIDS.*

During Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter she helped provide dinner for sixty to eighty people at St. Bridget's AIDS Support Center.

Last year she collected 260 turkeys and dinners to service the HIV/AIDS population. Ms. Patsch was a foster mother to a HIV positive baby and helped organize her parish and other parishes to be support groups for the AIDS community.

Philip S. Thomas: *Philip S. Thomas has demonstrated a strong commitment to providing New Jersey residents with high quality performing arts experiences.*

Mr. Thomas is currently the Vice President for Arts Education for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark. He is responsible for developing a comprehensive Arts Education Department for NJPAC that includes a performance series, school based residency programs, professional development programs for educators, arts training programs in theater, dance, music and literary arts.

Mr. Thomas has received several awards for being a leader in the development of community based arts education programming and implementation throughout the state of New Jersey.

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He serves several boards including, The New Jersey Black Issues Convention, Alliances for Arts Education/New Jersey, and The Carter G. Woodson Foundation.

In 1985 Mr. Thomas created the Carter G. Woodson Foundation, a multi-disciplinary arts organization that provides performance opportunities for African-American artists.

Mr. Thomas graduated from Montclair State College and served in the United States Army in Vietnam.

Calvin D. West: *Calvin D. West, a native of the City of Newark, was educated in the Newark Public School System, Bloomfield College and Cooper Union College. After serving in several key administrative positions with the City, State and Federal government in 1966, Calvin distinguished himself by being elected the first African-American to serve the governing body of the City of Newark as a Councilman At-Large.*

During his tenure in office, Councilman West served with great distinction, exhibited veracity and stood in the forefront on issues and policies that responded to the vital needs of the residents of the city of Newark.

In 1986, Mayor Sharpe James appointed Calvin as his Personal Aide.

"West, who has served 13 years in my office, has demonstrated tireless dedication to his duties and performs them with sensitivity and professionalism" said the Mayor. "He is my legislative liaison in Trenton and also oversees the Newark Housing Authority, City Council, Police Department, United Community Corporation, Mayor's Affirmative Action Commission and the Mayor's Youth Commission. Calvin is also my representative for the National Organization on Disability in Washington, D.C. and was a former Vice President of the 100 Black Men of New Jersey."

On March 20, 1984, the Newark Municipal Council issued a Resolution to Calvin D. West, commending him as a shining example of the pioneer spirit essential to the enhancement of the black political process and growth of Urban communities.

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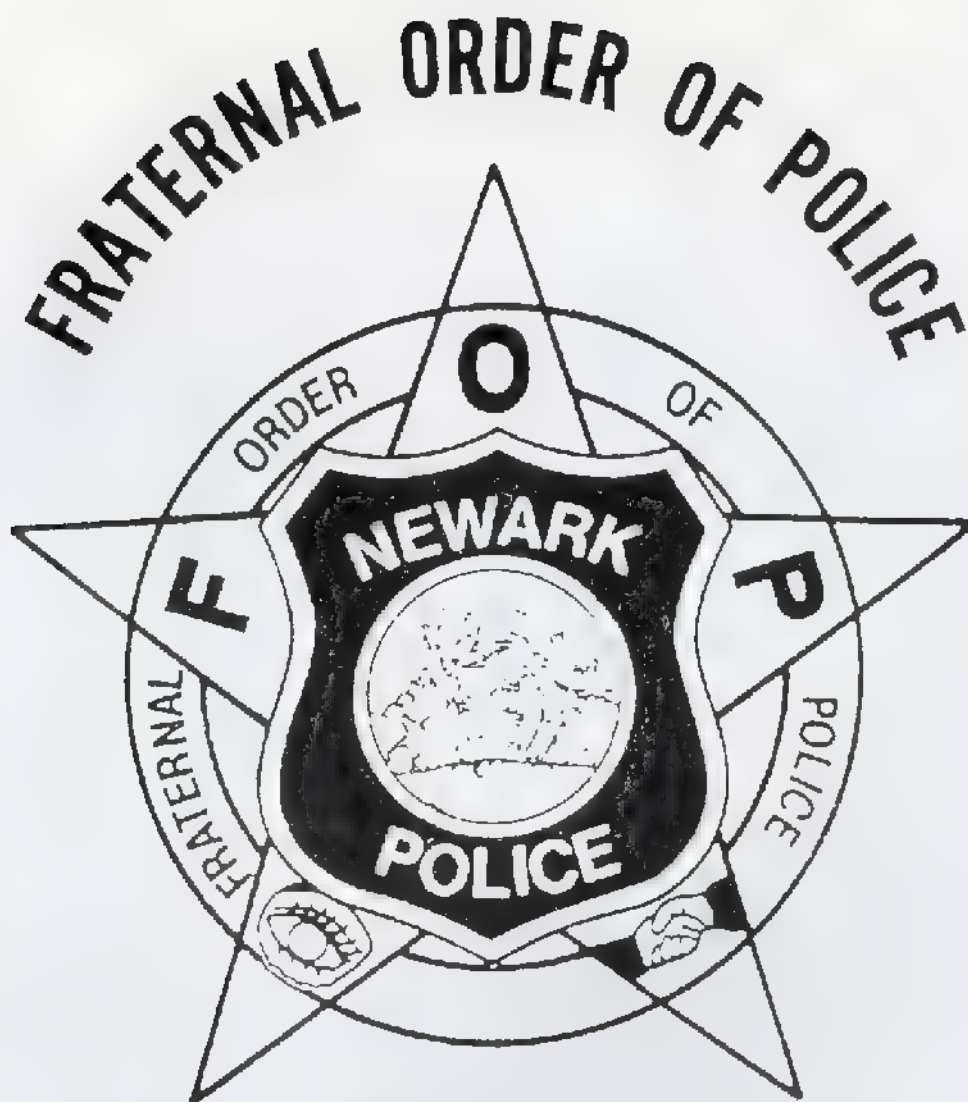
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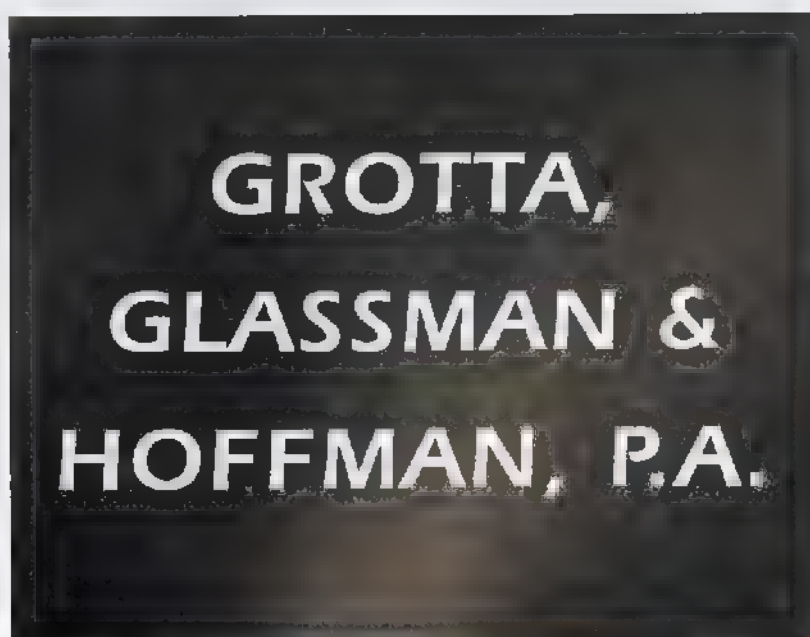
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